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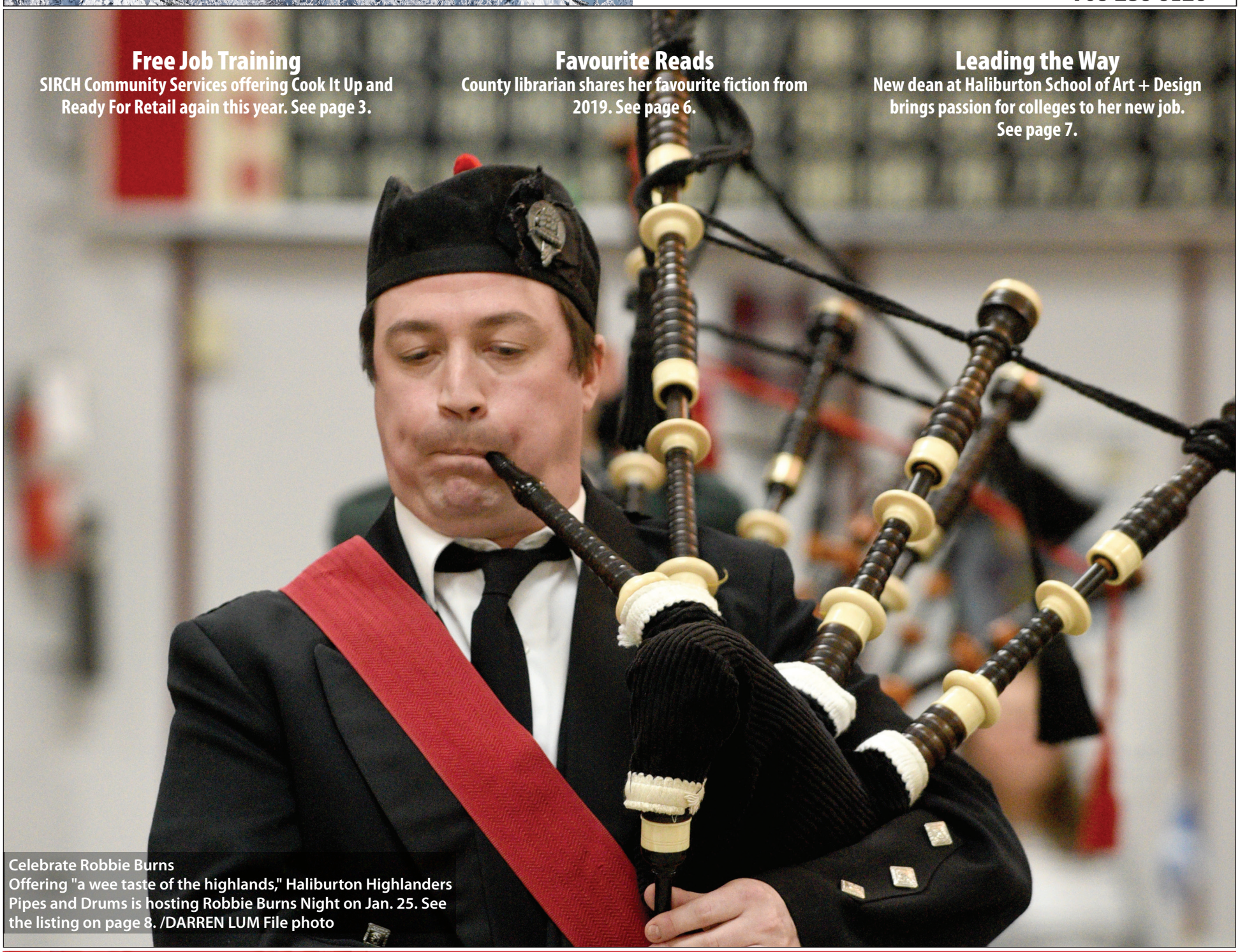

Celebrate Robbie Burns
Offering "a wee taste of the highlands," Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums is hosting Robbie Burns Night on Jan. 25. See the listing on page 8. /DARREN LUM File photo

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Volunteers prepare for Repair Cafe

Fifteen volunteers came together at an orientation session last week for the upcoming Repair Café. Volunteers are looking forward to helping Repair Café attendees fix items they bring. For example, you could have your favourite blanket mended, re-set a stone in a ring, get your computer working, or repair a broken toaster. Bring your item to the high school cafeteria in Haliburton on Saturday, Jan. 25 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and one of these intrepid Repair Café volunteers will gladly help. /Photo submitted

Stay on your feet this winter!

As the weather changes from rain to snow and from hail to freezing rain then back again, it not only becomes risky for those driving on the road, but also for those walking.

To help keep you on your feet this winter and free from injury as you enjoy the beauty of winter, here are some helpful tips from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services to keep in mind:

Wear shoes or winter boots with good traction. Wearing ice cleats or grippers can also help. However, remember to take the ice grippers off while indoors as they can cause falling hazards while inside.

Dressing for the weather is very important. Keeping warm will keep muscles relaxed and help you be steadier on your feet. Wearing gloves or mittens instead of putting your hands in your pockets will also help.

Staying on cleared walkways or sidewalks and away from unsalted/sanded areas will make walking easier. In case your destination has not been salted or sanded, carrying sand or non-clumping cat litter in the car or a pocket of a coat may come in handy.

Keeping muscles strong and staying active is also important. This can be done through various activities such as going for a walk outside, attending a group exercise class, or completing a home exercise program.

Those interested in more information about how to prevent slipping and falling are invited to contact Community Support Services at 705-457-2941, toll-free at 1-855-285-2944 or emailing infocc@hhhs.ca

- Staff

Field Hooky

When I was little, I already wandered
Always veering right at the foot of our driveway
Towards all those months of acres on the short end of the street
That whole field was mine
And it froze one February weekend
So I skated on rock-solid snow
Fell many times on frosted roots and secret weeds
But I was lighter then, and much more brave

In May I once unearthed a stormy nest of raw new mice
And by June I swam in clothes and captured stump-leggèd tadpoles
Crayfish, turtles, frogs, water striders
And strange bloated goldfish gone near-gray in the wild
Then I let them go

Atop I netted monarchs and swallowtails
Fireflies, newts, toads and airborne grasshoppers
Gathered up soft brown bunnies
Plucked leaves and milkweed parachutes
Wove dandelion crowns
And then I let them go

Eclipses and northern lights, comets and four-leaf clovers
Jupiter and Ursa Major, trilobites and arrowheads
Winking Venus in a Scarborough horizon
I never let those go

I could bend tall grasses into castles
Be Tarzan on the willows
Hunt rogue cherries which stained me
So I'd scrub myself before home with cold wet sand from the creek
And sometimes with found old rope there
I'd strap together stray branches
So I could raft like Huckleberry
On the silty pond only I called 'the ocean'

In July I found a hobo hunched with open can over a small stick fire
He'd slept plein air like I wanted
And knew the boxcars and he told me
If I placed a dime on the rail, the train would squash it into a dollar

Between the ties lay petrified shells
Shards of ancient seabed, and treasure twinkles of quartz
And when I was twelve I tried to stand my ground when boy marauders from the mysteries beyond the tracks
Dared to invade my side and steal my fossils

Then August began to smell of school
Jackrabbits and tumbleweed outran me
In a wind which newly smelled of straw
And voiced its grassiness like whispering water
I deeply knew these vagabond afternoons would abandon me
That wildflowers would fade to broken feathers
That crickets slowed to silence
That pencil and ruler would covet my divine light

And when the weather finally pulled
two blue knee-socks
Over my disappointed legs
I wouldn't let it go
But it went

By Deborah J Reed

ATTENTION: NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY SERVICES

We are currently working on a new publication called County Life Magazine that will be distributed beginning in April 2020. This magazine will be celebrating the successes in the Haliburton Highlands and much more.

This magazine will also include a **Non-Profit Community Service Directory.** There will be no charge to have your non-profit service included in this directory. If you would like your service included in this listing, please email Pat Lewis at ***classifieds@haliburtonpress.com***

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For information on how your flyer can be inserted each week in County Life please contact Melissa Armstrong at **613-332-2002** or **melissa@haliburtonpress.com**

Free restaurant and retail job training starting soon

If you're looking for a new career or want to upgrade your employment skills, look no further! SIRCH Community Services is offering another season of its training programs, Cook It Up and Ready For Retail.

Registration is now open for these free programs that start Jan. 29, and run for 16 weeks. Training takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Up to 12 participants can enrol in each program. Help with transportation, clothing, and footwear, may be available to those who need it.

Cook It Up

Cook It Up is for adults 18 and older who want to work in restaurants, camps, or start a food business. Participants will learn menu planning, following recipes, knife skills, and serving customers. In addition, participants will earn certifications in Safe Food Handling, Smart Serve, First Aid, and WHMIS.

The Cook It Up practical skills are taught by trained chefs who work in this community – Jay McIvor is SIRCH's food initiatives co-ordinator, and Amanda Goertzen is a chef at Bonnie View Inn.

And once again in 2020, Cook It Up will be cooking three-course lunches at Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden, in exchange for customers giving support and feedback to the trainees. Every Tuesday starting in March their lunches will be served to the public at no cost.

"If you haven't worked in a while, or lack confidence, Cook It Up is a great way to re-enter the workforce," said Jay McIvor, SIRCH's food initiatives co-ordinator. "Along with learning kitchen skills, you'll gain confidence working as part of a team."

Ready For Retail

Ready For Retail is for adults 18 and older who want to work in stores, markets, or start a retail business. Participants will learn about serving customers, handling cash, inventory management, and merchandising. Participants will earn certifications in First Aid, and WHMIS.

Ready For Retail trainees will be placed in businesses that match their interests.

"Re ady For Retail is extremely popular with both participants and local businesses," said Dianne Woodcock, SIRCH's Ready For Retail co-ordinator. "Trainees gain practical experience that helps lead to jobs, and local businesses gain new employees with relevant skills and training."

Ready For Retail classroom material is taught by Lynda Shephard who is developing training for SIRCH and Dianne Woodcock who has co-ordinated the practical placements in local retail businesses for the past two years. Instructors will build skills in a supportive, fun and encouraging environment, and this year trainees will be placed in a retail establishment one day a week starting in March.

These programs would not be available without the support of City of Kawartha Lakes Social Services.

Adults interested in the Cook It Up or Ready For Retail training programs should contact SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or at info@sirch.on.ca.

Submitted

Forest ready with snow after slow start

Ask any snowmobiler about the go-to spot for consistent conditions during the season and the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve comes to mind.

However, the erratic winter weather we've experienced in the Highlands has meant a later start and has hurt day pass rider numbers for the property, which boasts more than 400 kilometres of trails.

Forest general manager Tegan Legge said there have been 650 day passes purchased from Dec. 21 to Jan. 12. This is down from 2,000 day passes purchased when the Forest opened Nov. 21 last year to Jan. 12, 2019.

"Definitely down but the snow is back and we hope to bring even more folks throughout the winter months," she wrote in an email on Jan. 12.

The Forest also offers rental accommodations and sells season passes, which she said draws people to the Highlands to contribute to the local economy.

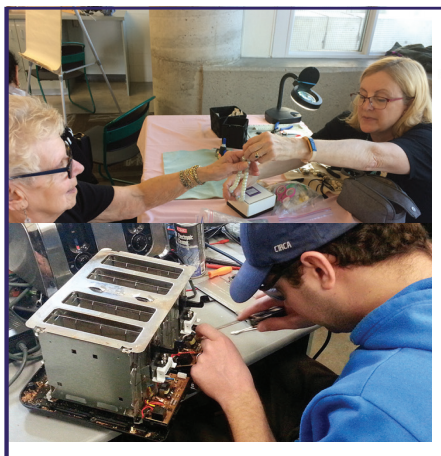
Legge said the day pass riders are the ones staying with local accommodators, whether it's at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, the Lakeview Motel or at Airbnbs.

"These sledders will stop for gas, meals, coffee, groceries in Minden and Haliburton before heading up to sled on our trails," she wrote.

-Darren Lum, Staff

Last chance to see Spaced Out

A gallery visitor checks out Emma Boutin's "Sun, Moon & The Small" - part of "Spaced Out," a student art exhibition at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. The show features the work of Grade 11/12 students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and is on until Jan. 25. /JENN WATT Staff



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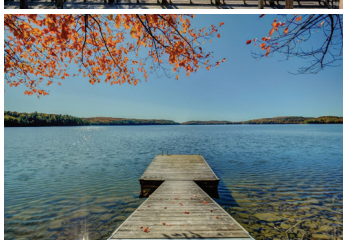

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Rest in peace

Heavy snowfall erases a winter's worth of deer and squirrel tracks deep in the forest. Evergreen boughs droop passively and surrender to the weight of snow, limiting the load and becoming less susceptible to wind. /STEVE GALEA Special to County Life

STEVE GALEA
Walking Softly

THE BRIGHTNESS of the new snow fades into shadow and what little breeze there is dissipates, like a wave on a beach, against a phalanx of trees that guard the heart of the forest.

As we enter those woods, sound becomes muffled until all that is left is the crunch of snowshoes breaking trail, the lonesome chirring of a distant red squirrel and the haunting croaks of a raven as they descend, diluted like the light, into the dim and silent places.

The storm has left its mark. Its heavy snowfall has erased a winter's worth of deer and squirrel tracks and has covered the flotsam and jetsam of the forest floor. Its high winds have scoured and smoothed the contours before us. Now we etch new tracks upon perfection as we snowshoe further in to see if any stories have been left behind.

A forest in winter is dormant.

Evergreen boughs droop passively and surrender to the weight of the snow. By doing so, they limit and shed the load and the tree becomes sleeker and less susceptible to any ill wind that might blow it over.

In contrast, the hardwood remains resolute. Now leafless, it allows most of the snow and wind to slip through its canopy unobstructed. Heavy snow accumulates only on the thickest limbs extending from its trunk. The thinner, more delicate branches do not possess the surface area to capture branch-breaking amounts of snow and have a profile far too thin to be bullied by wind.

As we meander and break trail, we see once open vistas made more closed and intimate by snow-laden branches and fallen trees edged with snow.

There is now a stillness in the air.

And once you step under the low cavernous places where evergreen branches form snow covered arches and wind-breaks, there is a noticeable warmth in the air, though the sun's light can barely break through.

It seems unbelievable, yet it must be true for here is where fresh deer tracks cut the pristine snow once again. This is where we see their scattered beds, where twigs are most browsed upon and scat is freshest.

The deer here are resting in peace, our presence notwithstanding.

In places like this, they hope to weather the season, avoid wolves, people like us and anything else that forces them to utilize the energy they are trying to conserve. Here they are hoping to find enough warmth, cover and sustenance so that they do not tax their fat reserves too badly before this, their most difficult season, is done.

Beneath the thermal cover that the spruce cedar and hemlock provide, we see the signs everywhere we look. Yet we do not see a deer. So we loop back and begin to follow our own tracks back towards the road. Before we get there, we see the sharp edges of a fresh deer track over ours. We smile, keep walking and let them rest in peace.

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Arden & the Tourists *(Feb 1)*

A pond Hockey and Haliburton favourite. This event sold out last year! Limited number of tickets are available.

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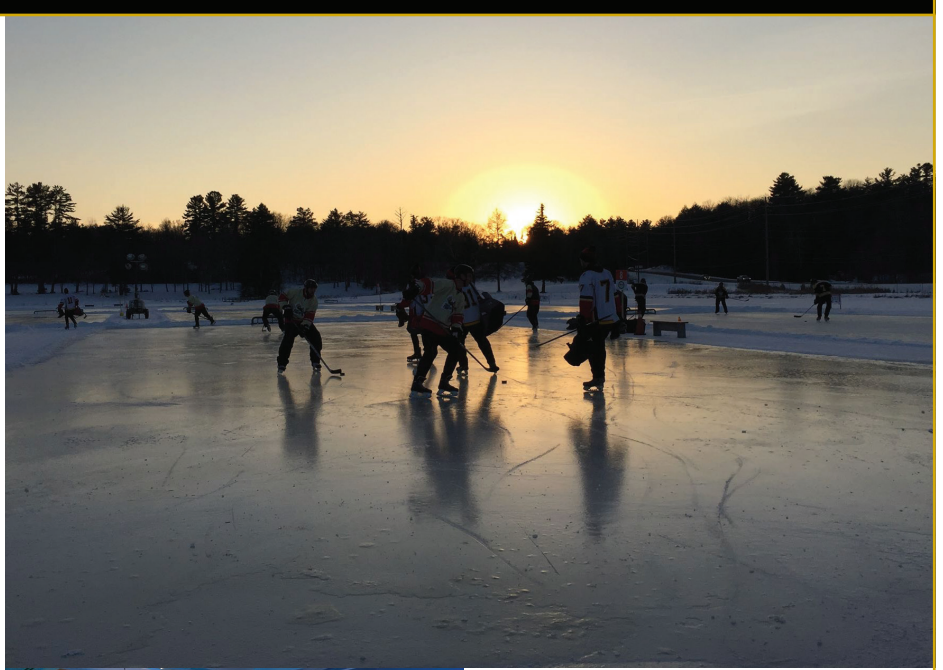

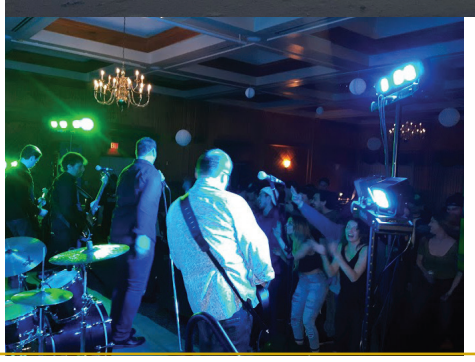

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Editorial

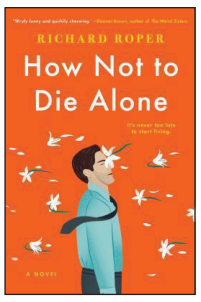
Favourite reads of 2019

SOME YEARS are better than others for finding books that really appeal to you. 2019 was a good one for me and I'll share a selection of my favourites. In 2018, I read *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman and loved it. If you have enjoyed a book, library staff have the skills and tools to help you find what are call read-alikes. The following two books are considered similar to *Eleanor Oliphant*.

BESSIE SULLIVAN
Bessie's Books and Other Things

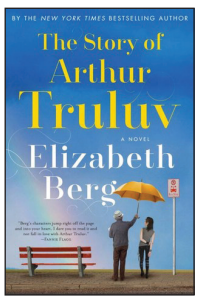
In How Not to Die Alone by Richard Roper, Andrew's day-to-day is a little grim, searching for next of kin for those who die alone. Thankfully, he has a loving family waiting for him when he gets home. At least, that's what his coworkers believe.

Andrew didn't mean for the misunderstanding to happen, yet he's become trapped in his own white lie. The fantasy of his wife and two kids has become a pleasant escape from his lonely one bedroom with only his Ella Fitzgerald records and his fellow model train collector online friends for company. But when new employee Peggy breezes into his life like a breath of fresh air, Andrew is shaken out of his routine. She doesn't notice the wall he's been safely hiding behind and their friendship promises to break it down.



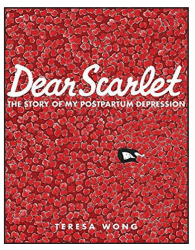
Andrew must choose: Does he tell the truth and start really living his life, but risk losing his friendship with Peggy? There is more to what motivates Andrew to be isolated than a quirky personality and those motivations are slowly revealed as the plot unfolds.

The second read-alike for *Eleanor Oliphant* that I enjoyed was, *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg. This is a moving novel about three people who have lost the person they love most, and must find their way back to happiness. Arthur, a widower, meets Maddy, an angry and friendless teenage girl, while visiting his late wife at the cemetery, where he goes every day for lunch. Against all odds, the two strike up a friendship that pulls them out of a serious rut. They band together with Arthur's nosy neighbour Lucille, to create lives that are truly worth living. Proving that life's most precious moments are sweeter when shared, they go from strangers, to friends, to an untraditional but loving family.



I like books where kindness prevails and the characters look for ways to unite us rather than divide us. All three of the preceding books mentioned do that.

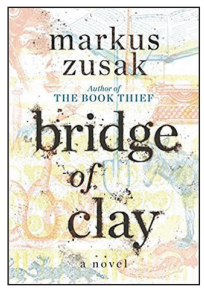
Graphic novels are not always my favourite way of reading but through the years a few have stood out. *Dear Scarlet: The Story of My Postpartum Depression* by Teresa Wong is one of them.



A graphic novel is a format that conveys fiction or non-fiction content through comic strips. In this memoir, Canadian Teresa Wong writes and illustrates the story of her struggle with postpartum depression in the form of a letter to her daughter Scarlet. Equal parts heartbreaking and funny, *Dear Scarlet* perfectly captures the quiet desperation of those suffering from postpartum depression and the profound feelings of inadequacy and loss. *Dear Scarlet* is a poignant and deeply personal journey through the complexities of new motherhood, offering hope to those affected by postpartum depression, as well as reassurance that they are not alone.

This book along with many other helpful books is part of Haliburton County Public Library's new Mental Health and Wellbeing collection. This collection was developed in collaboration with experts from the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and cover an array of mental health and wellbeing topics.

The final book from 2019 that I am going to tell you about is *The Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak. It is considered to be his first work of general fiction and it is the consensus of reviewers that *The Book Thief* published in 2005 was an incredibly difficult book to follow. I guess it is no surprise that *The Bridge of Clay* took him 13 years to complete. I listened to this book and while it did not take me 13 years to listen to, it did take a while as the book is quite long. The audio edition is actually read by the author which means you also get the added bonus of listening to a delightful Australian accent while enjoying the book.



The Bridge of Clay is the story of five brothers who bring each other up in a world run by their own rules. As the Dunbar boys love and fight and learn to reckon with the adult world, they discover the moving secret behind their father's disappearance.

While it was slow to get the story established it beautifully unfolds and left me feeling satisfied, well worth sticking with it.

None of the books mentioned here avoid life's difficult challenges. Death of loved ones, struggles with mental health, and loneliness are all subjects undertaken. But also in all cases there is hope and redemption.

Top 10 signs a person is new to the area

ANYONE WHO lives in the County knows you can often tell who is new to the area by the little hints they leave behind. Even so, this is not always easy. With that in mind, here are 10 signs that indicate a person is new to the area.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Believes hunter orange is a locally grown fruit.
2. Acts surprised when they are directed to the farmer's market after asking where the nearest Apple Store is.
3. Thinks a skidder trail is something a dog makes on the carpet.
4. Easily convinced that there is an East Guilford too.
5. Constantly trying to take selfies with deer.
6. Brings a sketch pad and pencils to a Legion meat draw.
7. Thinks we have the best health care after hearing many of our lakes have public docks.
8. Looks for real moose tracks to make ice cream.
9. Thinks hip waders are tie-dyed.
10. Thinks a sucker run requires Nikes and lollipops.

Fragile

Branches of trees, brittle as glass, cloistered in
cloaks of ice,
tall grasses poking through pillows of Snow,
their spines bent, their heads bowing down
to the road,
that slides beneath my feet, as I walk beneath Sky,
blank as Snow,
Wind jangling the berries that dangle from a tree,
drooping on the side of the road.
I reach up to touch the red baubles, encased in ice,
feel the cool smoothness of the berries and twigs,
icicles, tiny as tears, breaking off in my hands,
the entire tree, tinkling, as Wind assails it, the sound
taming its ferocity.
I stand by the tree, listening to broken notes of ice
falling to the ground,
some shattering against patches of ice, others,
muffled by Snow.
I breathe Air, sheathed in ice, too, its sharpness
nicking my gullet, as I swallow,
as I thaw a few frozen berries in my hand, peering
down the slope of a hill,
at a deer sniffing Snow, at the base of a bare maple,
that's exposed as the doe,
its fur blending in with the bark of trees,
its camouflage revealed against the
starkness of Snow.
How fragile, the deer appears to me, roaming in
the Snow, alone,
fur shrouding its bones, its ribs heaving as
it breathes.
I clomp down the slope, my steps muzzled by Snow,
stopping mid-way, to watch the deer lope towards
another tree,
foraging for breakfast in the Snow,
waiting for the moment that it spots me, imposing
on its search.
The deer's fur bristles as it freezes beneath
another maple,
its eyes, wide as the expanse between us.
Quiet so loud, I listen for the sound of its hooves
denting Snow,
as it lopes deeper into the trees, grazing bark,
sniffing Snow.
I throw the berries, nesting in my hand,
as far as I can,
hoping the deer hears them land.
It flinches then freezes as it stares through Air,
straight through me.
I wonder whether it will find the clots of berries
nestled in Snow,
as I turn to resume meandering along the road,
the sound of tinkling rising through the tree,
crinkling Air,
soft as deer prints dimpling Snow,
traces of its Breath lacing Air,
the fragrance of forest luring it
Home.

Sylvie Kalenda

Dean brings passion for colleges to new job

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Angela Stukator is the new dean at Haliburton School of Art + Design and the School of General and Applied Sciences at Fleming College. She was most recently associate dean of Animation and Game Design at Sheridan College. /Photo by Scott Michael Walling

After spending most of her life in downtown Toronto, the new dean at Haliburton School of Art + Design packed up her things, making sure to remember her parka and snowshoes, and moved to Haliburton village.

"The reason for that was both professional and personal," says Angela Stukator, seated at a table in her new office on the Haliburton campus. "Professionally, I had achieved everything that I had hoped to and then some at Sheridan and I turned 60 – and I'm proud to say that. I have a lot of energy and I wanted a new, exciting challenge. So, when the decision came up, I looked at my three adult children and said, what do you think? They said, go for it. So, with their support, I applied for the position and I was fortunate enough to be offered it in November."

Sandra Dupret, who was dean at HSAD for more than a decade, accepted the position of VP, student experience, in April of 2019 and continued to fill the role in Haliburton until Fleming College selected her replacement.

Stukator describes herself as an enthusiastic administrator – one who revels the art of designing dynamic, practical programs. Most recently, she was associate dean of Animation and Game Design at Sheridan, where she was a key player in creating their honours bachelor of animation, which she says now has about 600 students, has won several awards and counts internationally recognized directors among its alumni.

Before taking the job at Sheridan, Stukator was a professor in film studies at the University of Western Ontario: a natural progression from her academic training in the same field. But she found herself gravitating to colleges and the potential their hands-on format presented.

"I got very interested in arts education and wanted to be involved in the development of programs that allowed people not only to study the theory and the history, but also very much the practice. The college system excels at that: applied learning and learning that is absolutely tied to industry," she says.

Her decision to leave Sheridan after about 16 years was a leap into something new, but it wasn't entirely out of character. Stukator says she was looking to refresh her worldview and give herself a new challenge. She was also familiar with the area and keen to embrace the natural beauty, and blissful lack of traffic, that the Highlands provides.

"I was commuting an hour and a half each way from Toronto to Oakville and now it takes me approximately seven minutes, depending on how easy it is to make the left onto the highway," she laughs. Her passions align nicely with her new locale: watching films and going for hikes.

Along with her role at HSAD, Stukator is dean of the School of General Arts and Sciences, which takes her to Fleming College's Peterborough campus one to two days a week.

Having just settled into her new job in early January, Stukator says she's still taking everything in, meeting people and learning about the college.

"I don't have any immediate plans to change anything. What I'm doing is looking at the strategic plan and new academic plan, which is in development, and trying to situate GAS [General Arts and Sciences] and Haliburton so that they are aligned with Fleming and its priorities. That includes things like focusing on people, student success, emerging technologies, Indigenous communities," she says.

She sees potential for growth and expansion, saying she's "100 per cent" behind the concept of a student residence, which is in the discussion stage.

"Haliburton is an absolute jewel. Much like Sheridan's animation program, it needs to be leveraged and branded so that the rest of the world knows how fantastic it is and that it becomes a real destination of choice for artists and makers who want to continue their path of learning and practice," she says.

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Thursdays (ADULT ONLY)
12 to 2 pm
Sundays: Times vary.
Please visit
www.dysart.ca/events for info
LINE DANCING Every Wednesday 9:30 - 11 am

Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums - Robbie Burns Night
When: Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion
Pipes & Drums, dancing, Scottish music, A taste of haggis and fixings
$20.00 per person. Tickets available at Canoe FM. 705-457-1009
Only 100 tickets, so get yours now!

Community Conversation on Living and Dying Well
When: Monday, Jan. 27, 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: Dorset Recreation Centre Hospice
Pull up a chair, grab a coffee and join in the conversation.
Open discussion about life to end of life journey.
Supported group chat to ask questions about issues of concern to you in your journey. Facilitated discussion to develop and share strategies on living and dying well.

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & No Friends
When: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m., Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association monthly meeting
When: Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.
Where: HCSA Clubhouse, 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton's Industrial Park.
It's a busy time for the HCSA with a number of projects on and off trail projects on the go. For further info email info@hcsa.ca or call 705-457-4263. Everyone is Welcome

100 Women Who Care Winter Meeting
When: Tuesday, Feb. 4
Where: The Dominion Hotel, Dining Room, Minden
Time: Social and Registration 6:30 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.
We are 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County. We meet 3 times a year for one hour to raise money for local charities. Since we began we have raised over $50,000. Why not come and see how we do it - its awesome and its fun!

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge
An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
When: Saturday, Feb. 15
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Event starts at 1 p.m.
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or on-line at haliburtonlions.com
Prizes awarded to the top individual pledge dollars and top team pledge dollars and also the best costumes. All proceeds to the SickKids' Garron Family Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

Ripopée by L'Aubergine
When: Sunday, Mar. 1, 2 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Road 21, Haliburton
What: Join four hilarious clowns on their whimsical – and sometimes chaotic – journey. A pure delight for all ages. Presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! For more info and tickets visit www.razzamataz.ca/shows/ or contact Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-854-0728

The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito by Tomson Highway
When: Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Road 21, Haliburton
What: Mary Jane, the wingless mosquito, learns to make friends by sharing her Cree language, kind heart, and songs with the world. This is a delightfully engaging musical show for younger audiences. Presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! For more info and tickets visit www.razzamataz.ca/shows/ or contact Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-854-0728

Recurring Events

Cooking Classes
When: Fridays 11am-1:30pm
Where: Haliburton (49 Maple Ave Unit 4) and Minden (55 Parkside Street)
Classes are free! Sponsored by Government of Ontario, Township of Minden Hills and Municipality of Dysart et al and SIRCH
For more information on Haliburton dates please contact Andrea at amueller@dysartetal.ca and for Minden dates please contact Elisha at eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Snowshoe Hikes
When: Mondays 2pm-4pm
Where: Snowdon Park, Barnum Creek, White Water Preserve, Glebe Park
No cost! Sponsored by Government of Ontario, Township of Minden Hills and Municipality of Dysart et al and SIRCH
For more information please contact Elisha at eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Line Dancing
When: Thursday mornings, 10 a.m.to 12 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall
What: Enjoy exercising body and soul with weekly Line Dancing. Great Physical activity for all levels of dancers. Beginners welcome.
Contact: Jacqui at Clancelinedance@gmail.com

Devotional Gatherings
When: Mondays and/or Tuesdays, 2:30 and/or 7 p.m., to be arranged
Where: In homes at Minden, Kennisis Lake, Haliburton
What: Come join us for prayers, meditations and readings; all spiritual traditions are honoured and welcome. An open space for reflection, prayer and sharing for well-being of individuals and the state of the world. "Religion should unite all hearts and cause wars and disputes to vanish from the earth..." (www.bahai.org) Call Kathie/George at 705-286-3378

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Minden: Hyland Crest Auditorium - Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Classes are free
For more information, contact Cathy Thomas, 705-489-2187 or Carol Browne, 705-457-4551

Grief Support Group Community Support Services
When: 1st Wednesday of Every Month Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden Hospital 1 to 3 p.m. or 2nd Wednesday of Every Month Abbey Retreat Center, 1150 Garden Gate Drive West Guilford 1 to 3 p.m.
Offering emotional support in a safe and non-judgemental environment. For more information about resources and services, please contact Tel 705-457-2941 x 2932 Email: infocc@hhhs.ca Or visit our website at www.hhhs.ca

Taoist Tai Chi
Stanhope, Stanhope Community Centre
Tuesday. 10 to 11 a.m.
Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Haliburton, Haliburton United Church
Monday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Kinmount, Galway Community Hall
Monday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
For more information please contact Wilma at 705-457-5829 or Taoist.org/Peterborough for schedule of classes

Minden Bible Church for our Children's and Youth Programs
KidzLife (Mid-Week Kids Program): Every Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
MBC Youth (Youth Group): Every Thursday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
KidzLife ages: Grades JK to Grade 6
MBC Youth ages: Grades 7 to12
All are welcome and invited! Together, we will: learn about the truth and the life in Jesus Christ, play epic games, meet others within the community of Minden, eat snacks, etc.
www.mindenbiblechurch.ca

Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle, starting Feb. 2020
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Patio, 23 York St.
Join the community Drum Circle. Instruments available. Beginners welcome. Family-friendly. Each week a volunteer will facilitate the Circle. By donation in support of Haliburton DrumFest

Haliburton: Pickleball
When: Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Minden: Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes.
Cost is $2
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Family Fun Bingo
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
At the Kinmount Legion

Harcourt Community Centre
Harcourt Bingo every week on Wednesdays
Doors open at 6:45 and bingo starts at 7:30.
Regular euchre night every week on Thursday night starting at 7 p.m. The new community centre is also air conditioned.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free!
Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden

Monday – Thursday Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Liver Lovers Special plus regular menu
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m., Fish & Chips, or Wings & Fries (Onion Rings.)
Saturday All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a lunch special from 12 noon.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group.
1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 p.m. - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket.
1 to 4 p.m. - Ladies Darts,
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Calorie Counters
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts in the Sports Room.
7 p.m. Euchre in the Club Room
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. - Four special draws
Sunday 12 to 4:30 p.m. Sports Day

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Friday Community Care Lunch 12p.m. Everyone 55+ welcome. If interested call Denice Butler 705-448-8865 to book
Wing night 6 to 9 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Pat & Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Derby.
Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp! If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!
Monday Card Night 7 p.m. Beginner's welcome.
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
Feb 15 - Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Derby
Having a event ? Book our hall and have L.A. cater for you. They do a great job! Want to get involved? Please call or drop by the legion
705-448-2221 now if you can help.

Branch 129 Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome!

Ontario SPCA and Humane Society urge caution to keep pets safe in cold weather

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is reminding pet owners to take extra precautions to keep animals safe and comfortable during extreme cold weather.

When the temperature drops below freezing, pets should not be left outside for extended periods. Cats, short-coated dogs and puppies are particularly vulnerable in cold temperatures. Keep cats indoors and protect your dogs from frostbite or hypothermia by taking them outside for short periods during cold weather. Some dogs, especially short-coated breeds and puppies, may benefit from a dog sweater or coat as an extra layer of warmth.

Vehicles can also pose a danger to animals in the winter months. Animals should never be left alone in a vehicle during cold weather. Cars cool down quickly and don't hold in body heat, which can lead to animals freezing to death.

Be aware of cats seeking warmth under vehicle hoods. When the vehicle motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. Make a point of knocking on the hood or sounding the horn before starting the engine. This will warn away any cats who may be hiding in your vehicle.

While the Ontario SPCA strongly recommends bringing your dog indoors, dogs that spend time outside for long periods require a draft-free doghouse built of weatherproof materials. The doghouse should be elevated and insulated, well bedded, and the door should face away from prevailing winds and have a flap. Shelters must be designed for the size of the dog to provide comfort and warmth. A shelter that is too small will prevent the dog from stretching out comfortably, whereas a shelter that is too large may not maintain enough body heat to keep the dog warm.

For instructions on how to build the perfect doghouse for your dog, see the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's Ideal Doghouse plans at ontariospca.ca/doghouse

Check your pet's water frequently to ensure it's not frozen and use a tip-resistant plastic or ceramic bowl. There are also heated and/or insulated bowls available that prevent water from freezing.

"If it's too cold for you to go outside, it's too cold for your pet! Winter's chill affects animals, just like it affects people," says Jennifer Bluhm, acting chief, animal protection, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. "Exposure to harsh conditions can cause serious illness or death to animals, particularly during periods of freezing rain and rapid temperature fluctuations."

For more winter pet safety tips, visit ontariospca.ca

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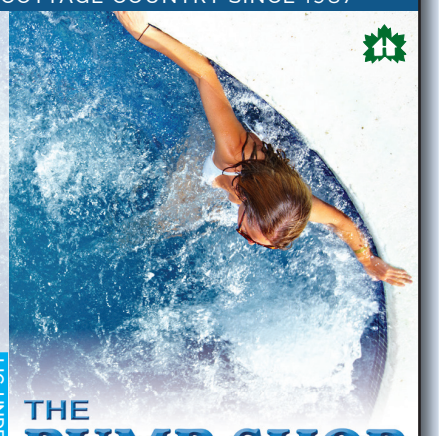
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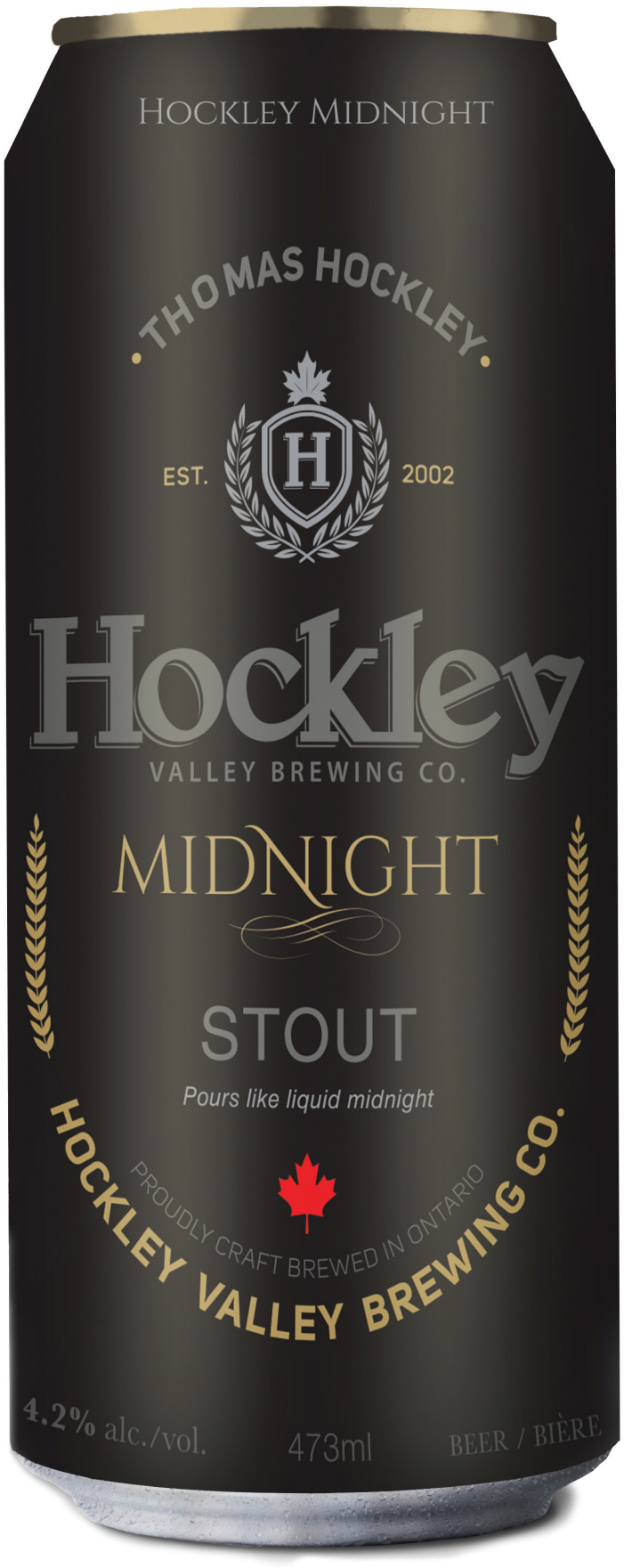

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New seniors complex now closer to reality

Dysart et al council has agreed to a zoning change that will permit a senior citizens apartment complex on vacant land between Head Lake and Maple Street, despite objections from several area property owners.

The land, known as Block 'T', Lots 5 and 11, extends between Victoria and Park Streets. Lot 11 is presently zoned urban institutional, while Lot 5 is residential. The zoning change will create a special residential zone (R2-5) on which a joint committee of the Haliburton Legion, the Haliburton Rotary Club, and Dysart council hopes to build a 33 unit senior citizens housing complex. A second phase could add an additional 17 units in the future.

Phase one of the building would be situated on the north half of the lot, close to Park Street, with the south half earmarked for a residents' parking lot.

Council held a public meeting last Wednesday night to give neighbouring property owners a chance to air their views on the proposal.

While it appeared the majority of people whose property might be affected by the proposed building were in favour of the project, there were several objections. Principal concerns included the height of the building and subsequent blockage of the view to the lake from some properties; a possible increase in traffic flow on Park Street; a possible noise problem from the number of units involved; the type of clientele the units are geared toward; a possible devaluation of neighbouring property, and the suitability of the site for a building versus a parking lot.

It was suggested that Phase one of the complex be placed closer to Victoria Street than Park Street, but Legion representative Cliff Dawson said Lot 11 was favoured because the terrain is steeper, allowing access at the second floor level as well as the first floor. He said this was desirable, since the building will house senior citizens.

There was also a suggestion that Lot 11, close to Park Street be used as a parking lot, rather than Lot 5. Council's planning committee noted that Lot 11 is currently zoned urban institutional, and a building much higher than the proposed apartment complex could be built on it. As well, a parking lot on Lot 11 might be used by people coming to Rotary Beach, rather than by residents of the building and their visitors.

Dawson emphasized that the site plan has been drawn up to make maximum use of the property, which is owned jointly by the Haliburton Legion and the Rotary Club.

Following the public portion of the meeting, council's planning committee reviewed the application, site plan and architectural drawings, the public's comments and a petition presented by Isabel Keefer objecting to the zoning change for Lot 11.

In the end, council passed a resolution recommending that council proceed with the zoning change. The resolution notes that "the concerns expressed by neighbouring property owners have been considered and unfortunately cannot be considered due to the nature of the topography of the lot and the nature of the proposed development. The proposed zoning is much more restrictive than the present zone on Lot 11 and therefore the concerns regarding the height of the building are considered unjustified."

Council could pass the zoning change by-law as early as at its March meeting. Neighbouring property owners would have 35 days in which to lodge formal objections. If the objections cannot be resolved, the matter then would go to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

While government approval for the project has not yet been obtained, and the necessary grants are not yet certain, council and the project committee are optimistic that construction could start as early as the fall of this year.

Karl Kinanen gets ready for the start of the men's 15 km race on Saturday at the Central Region Masters Cross Country Ski Championships on the newly created course near Haliburton. Kinanen, who competes in the 55-59 age category, garnered the gold medal with a time of 52 minutes. About 80 competitors were on hand for the event, the first of many that will be staged on the local course in years to come.

Water levels committee discusses need with MNR

The Haliburton Highlands Water Levels Committee has succeeded in one of its key goals - to obtain the appointment of a senior contact person with the provincial government. At a meeting January 17 with senior members of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Don White, District manager in Minden, was given that role.

Main purpose of the meeting was to establish greater MNR awareness and involvement in the issues and problems surrounding the reservoir lakes in Haliburton County, and the waterway system.

On hand were members of the local water levels committee, including county warden Harry Davis, and MNR officials R. Burgar, assistant deputy minister; R. Christie, director of the Algonquin region; Don White, Minden District manager; B. McClure, policy officer; P. Steven, regional engineer; and Wayne Wilson, biologist.

Water levels committee member Bev Robinson reviewed the scope of the reservoir lakes with the officials, and pointed out where additional reservoir capacity is available, based on previous studies.

It was agreed that there is no need to have the committee's study repeated by professional consultants.

Other discussion at the meeting, according to a news release from the warden, centred on key recommendations in the water levels committee report, including: resolving the issue of federal/provincial jurisdiction over the reservoir lakes and waterway system; the need for a federal/provincial management and operating agreement; the need

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Parents express concern:

Busing, school trips among key issues at meeting

By MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Special education, the rising costs of school trips, fundraising, French programs and busing were some of the concerns expressed by parents at the Haliburton Home and School meeting on Monday night.

The 14 parents had some questions they wanted to ask various representatives of the Board of Education, and used the evening to vent some of their frustrations or concerns about their children's schooling.

Opening the discussion was the Director of Education, Stuart Baker, who used some of his time to explain how some of the changes taking place in the Ministry of Education affect local schools.

A report has come out saying that while most schools are doing very well in following ministry guidelines for Kindergarten through Grade 3, some effort must be made in the junior level to bring the standards up.

"We have not got on tract with ministry guidelines as well as we have in the primary grades," said Baker of the situation in general. "We're still tending to teach them the same way we did 15 years ago."

Junior grade teachers should be spending more time in workshops, he said, so that when the student moves on to the intermediate level Grades 7 and 8, the switch from student-centred work to subject-centred work does not come as a big shock.

"The junior division is very important since really good work habits and attitudes are developed at that time," Baker said.

In discussing the French program, Baker noted that at the present time, a student must have 760 hours of class study by the time he or she finishes high school so they can write the final French examination. The ministry has now deemed that by the year 1996, the number of hours must be increased to 1,080. This means that French instruction must start in Grade 1 in order for the student to accumulate the required number of hours.

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It was a happy but shivering Ginger Elliott who rode through the streets of Minden during the winter carnival parade sponsored by the Lions Club. The 16-year-old Minden girl was chosen Carnival Queen the night before.

Minden carnival means lively time

Minden came alive this weekend as hundreds of tourists and residents alike delighted in all of the planned activities during the Minden Winter Carnival.

Parents could leave their children competing for chocolate bars at the outdoor activity centre while they took in the sights and sounds of car races on ice or snowmobiles thundering over the hills at Snocross.

Or, after building up a hunger watching the Kinsmen parade wind its way downtown, one could stuff their stomach with nine pieces of chicken in the chicken eating contest.

If proving how strong you were was your thing rather than proving how fast you could eat, then a wrist wrestling championship provided the perfect opportunity to flex those pecs.

After warming up outside during the tug of war pulls or log sawing contests, one could head for the arena where there was virtually non-stop hockey or the curling rink where an all-day bonspiel was held attracting rinks from Sudbury to Toronto.

Those in a benevolent mood, could sit down in the Crowe's Nest to bid on a hat. More than $900 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis and the top bid for one hat reached $100.

Whatever your fancy or talent, the Minden Carnival had something to offer and the large crowds proved that people were ready to take advantage of it. All the events were well attended and the dance on Saturday was sold out.

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Reality of tough new legislation escapes some, police discover

Five people have been charged with impaired driving in Haliburton County over the past week, bringing to 11, the number of drinking and driving charges that have been laid by Minden OPP in January. This compares with only one charge in the whole of January last year, and may indicate that the reality of tough new legislation against the offence has not yet sunk in.

Police say most of the five charges in the past week have been laid in the afternoon, and two of them were against snowmobile operators.

"It would appear that the fear of incurring a greater penalty and a longer licence suspension has had little effect so far in this region," community services officer Gary Chapman noted in his weekly press release.

If convicted, the 11 drivers face mandatory one year licence suspensions, as well as hefty fines.

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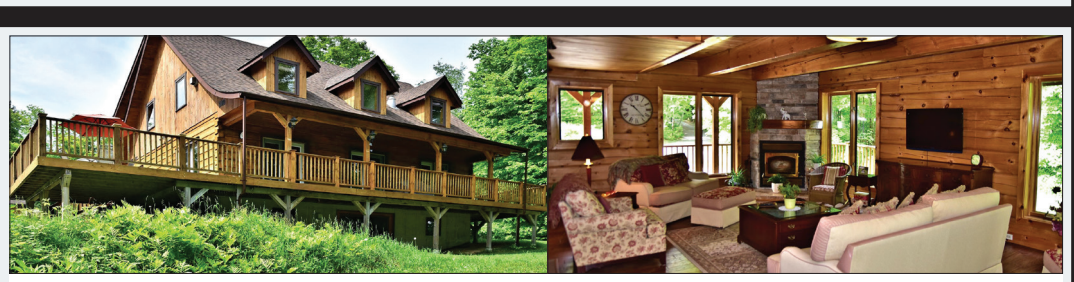

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